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Subject:	RE: DPS CPP/ECARE Classroom - Share AG opinon? - REVIEW
Date:	Monday, February 11, 2019 8:53:12 AM
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DRAFT Response to DPS Administrator for your review and feedback.

Dear Jane,
Good morning. You wrote Michele Saturday asking CDE to weigh in officially on whether CPP classrooms would be able to go above 16 in circumstances like the one you are facing now with the teacher strike. Even though DPS is choosing not to serve early childhood students this week during the strike, we are aware that DHS has given community sites (many of which have CPP funding) the opportunity to apply for a waiver to be able to go over group size and ratio to provide drop-in care for families. As Michele has stated, because the maximum group size for CPP is 16 and is in state law, CDE staff do not have the authority to waive the requirement. However, we did get word from the AG's office last Friday that in emergent situations like the one you are facing now, and for a brief and temporary time period, CDE would not be in a position to take negative action for non-compliance should your district choose to exceed the maximum group size limit.

We know this is a challenging time for you and others who are working to ensure that the children in your programs are safe. We are thinking of you and hoping for a swift and mutual outcome to this week's situation.

Best,
Heidi

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From: Cobb, Floyd
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 8:33 AM
To: McCaslin, Heidi
Cc: Gallanos, Anji
Subject: RE: DPS CPP/ECARE Classroom - Share AG opinon?

Yes.

Can you please put together a draft for Anji and I to review before sending?

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From: McCaslin, Heidi
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To: Cobb, Floyd <Cobb_F@cde.state.co.us>
Cc: Gallanos, Anji <Gallanos_A@cde.state.co.us>
Subject: FW: DPS CPP/ECARE Classroom - Share AG opinon?

Good morning, See below,

Do we feel comfortable putting in writing what the AG shared with Melissa Friday? DPS is still wanting to know what our stance on this is. I was focused Friday on the communication with DHS and knew that DPS had cancelled classes this week for ECE.

Thank you,

Heidi

From: Walsh, Jane [mailto:Jane_Walsh@dpsk12.org]
Sent: Saturday, February 09, 2019 12:20 PM
To: Pugsley, Michele <Pugsley_M@cde.state.co.us>
Cc: McCaslin, Heidi <McCaslin_H@cde.state.co.us>
Subject: RE: DPS CPP/ECARE Classroom
Importance: High

Hello –
Though there will be no ECE in district classrooms should there be a strike (which I am intending does not occur – think miracles!), we still need to know whether CPP classrooms would be able to go above 16 in these circumstances. The state has given our community sites (many of which have CPP funding) the opportunity to apply for a waiver to be able to go over group size and ratio to provide drop-in care for families.

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From: Pugsley, Michele [mailto:Pugsley_M@cde.state.co.us]
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2019 1:01 PM
To: Walsh, Jane <Jane_Walsh@dpsk12.org>
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Subject: RE: DPS CPP/ECARE Classroom

Thank you for this information, Jane. Wishing you all the best during this challenging time for your district!
Take care,
Michele

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From: Walsh, Jane [mailto:Jane_Walsh@dpsk12.org]
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2019 11:06 AM
To: Pugsley, Michele <Pugsley_M@cde.state.co.us>
Cc: McCaslin, Heidi <McCaslin_H@cde.state.co.us>
Subject: RE: DPS CPP/ECARE Classroom

Hello –
Should the DPS teachers strike, there will be no ECE classes open in the district.
Thank you.

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To: Walsh, Jane <Jane_Walsh@dpsk12.org>
Cc: McCaslin, Heidi <McCaslin_H@cde.state.co.us>
Subject: RE: DPS CPP/ECARE Classroom

Good Morning Jane,
I know you and your team are very busy and consumed with a looming teacher strike. I wanted to follow up with you regarding our phone conversation a few weeks ago about the plan you are working on with CDHS about having 20 children per classroom during the teacher's strike. When we talked I indicated that CDE would do our best to work with you on this. However, internal conversations are still occurring and the central issue is that the requirement for classrooms to be capped at 16 is in state statute which staff are not authorized to waive. Our office director is continuing to identify whether we have any opportunity to be lenient on this. We will get back to you as soon as we have more information.
Thank you and talk with you soon,
Michele

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